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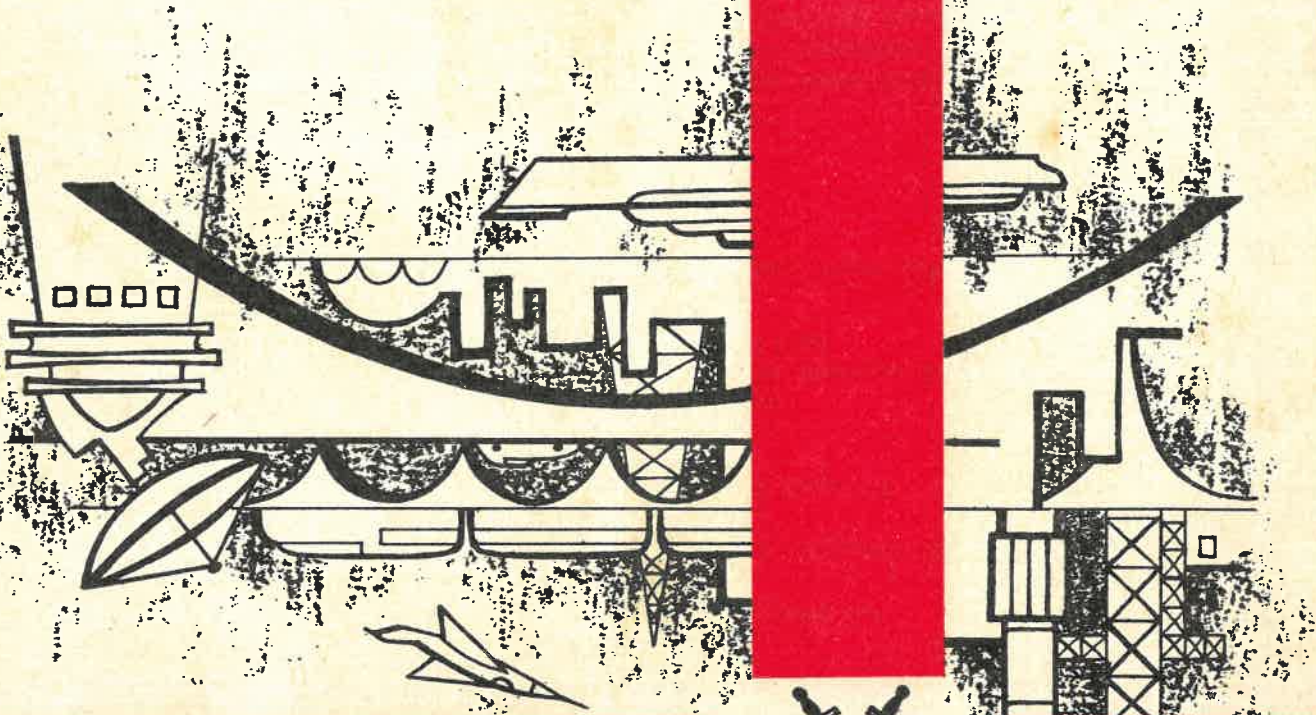
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FINANCE AND Legacies—The legacies received during the year were fewer than in recent years and totalled \$1,258. These were \$1,242 from the Estate of the late A. L. Glover and \$16 being income from a legacy from the Estate of the late Mr. A. C. Dean. We greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who kindly make provision for our Society in their wills.

Appeals—The response to the Christmas and Birthday Appeals amounted to \$3,856. We are very grateful indeed to all who supported our work by responding to the Appeals and by regular subscriptions.

Whilst the financial statements show a deficit on operations, the overall financial position is sound. There is an urgent need to increase income to meet rising costs, as well as for the development of our work. We face the possibility of increased costs in connection with Captain McKnight's work but believe the nature of the work will attract the necessary support.

IN CONCLUSION —

This report would be incomplete without an expression of gratitude to God for His gracious mercies and blessings upon all who serve within our Society. At the same time we acknowledge our indebtedness to all who, under God, contributed in any way to the furtherance and development of our work. These include our legal and financial advisers; the dioceses and parishes that allocated gifts to our funds and the many parishes that welcomed officers and students for evangelistic or deputation activities; the many individuals who gave our members generous hospitality; also the members of our Executive Board, our Area Representatives and all our Officers, active and retired.

R. L. Gwilt (Captain)
Federal Secretary.

the Rev. Canon W. F. Carter (Clerical Representative in the Brisbane Diocese), the Rev. R. Ogden (Lecturer) and Mrs. N. Underwood, who was formerly Sister Muriel Stanley and who served as an officer for 32 years.

RESIGNATION :

The Church Army is privileged to benefit from the services of many people who serve in a variety of ways. One such person is Mr. C. K. Pearson who has served for many years as a Board Member. At the last Annual General Meeting Mr. Pearson's resignation was regrettably received. We express our thanks and appreciation to him for his warm interest and involvement in our work over the years.

CHURCH ARMY To mark 40 years of evangelistic ministry by The Church Army in Australia a calendar has been issued for 1974. It measures 9½ inches by 4½ inches and each page is an engagement diary as well as a monthly calendar. There is also a recipe on the back of each page. It sells for 50 cents, plus 10 cents for postage and packaging. Proceeds from the sale of these calendars will go directly to support the work of The Church Army. If ALL the calendars are sold our General Funds will benefit by about \$450.

The calendars may be purchased from The Federal Office, The Church Army Bookshop or from Church Army Officers. Please place your order promptly.



EDITORIAL

At this time of the year people's thoughts and plans turn naturally in the direction of preparations for Christmas and holidays. This holds true for Church Army officers too, but, at Federal Office, there are also other matters which occupy a lot of our time and attention. These are the plans and preparations that have to be made for next year's activities and they include the appointment of officers to new positions. More so than ever before we find ourselves in the position where demand far exceeds supply. Over the last two or three months we have received 17 applications from Bishops and Clergy for Church Army officers to be appointed to various positions, some as youth leaders in parishes. It is tremendously encouraging to have so many new opportunities of service set before us. However, it is unlikely that we shall be able to take up more than four of these openings. This situation obviously has something important to say to us about future recruitment and training. If God is giving increasing opportunities for service, we should believe He is also ready to call sufficient numbers of men and women into the work. Therefore, 1974, our 40th anniversary year, must be a period of special endeavour in recruiting. We ask our supporters to make this a matter of special prayer from now and right through 1974.

We in the Church Army wish to express to you, our prayer partners and supporters, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your regular and generous support of our work. At the same time, we wish you the true joys and happiness of Christmas and much blessing in our Lord's service in 1974.

R. L. GWILT.

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FROM THE STUDENTS (continued)

been a real blessing to me in so many ways, as I have been equipped for the work of evangelism. The need is great, the workers are few, but the harvest is ready and I praise God that He has called me as an Evangelist to serve Him through the Church Army.

Finally, I wish to thank all those who have been responsible for my training.

Josie Leslie.

A CALL FROM GOD

Looking back over my first year in college and all that has happened, I realise more and more that my call into Church Army was from God. He placed me here for a purpose, and that purpose will continue to work itself out over the next twelve months of training and then on into the future.

During this past year I have had the opportunity of studying many different subjects, travelling to new parts of New South Wales (as far north as Newcastle and as far south as Cootamundra) and doing so many new and interesting things.

Having only left school four years ago I didn't find the return to study and examinations at all difficult. Many things were new to me but they were all interesting including the courses we attended outside of college.

My practical work was spent at Pallister Girl's Home. Here I had the experience of working with difficult girls, most of whom I came to know very well. Friendships with the staff are something I really treasure and from them I have received a great deal of help as the year has progressed.

I am thankful to the Lord and praising Him for the past year in college and I am really looking forward to the coming year and all the future opportunities that will be forthcoming and for sharing what I have with others.

Lorraine Dorrington.

NEWS IN BRIEF ...

ADMITTING AND COMMISSIONING :

There will be only one new officer to enter the work next year and this is Josie Leslie. She will be admitted to the office of Lay Evangelist and then Commissioned as a Church Army Sister at a special service at St. James' Church, Croydon, at 8.00 p.m. on Monday, 21st January, 1974. All local supporters are warmly invited to attend the service. Bishop Hulme-Moir will do the admitting on behalf of the Primate and Captain Gwillt will Commission Josie as a Church Army Officer.

TWO SPECIAL EVENTS : Newcastle. A very happy gathering was held at St. Peter's Parish Hall, Hamilton, on 23rd October. This was the Newcastle Women's Auxiliary annual event which was attended by some 200 friends and supporters of The Church Army. The Bishop of Newcastle, the Right Reverend Ian Shevill was present for the luncheon and briefly addressed the gathering after being welcomed by the Federal Secretary.

The Church Army students under the direction of Captain Clarke, spoke about their experiences in training and presented some items depicting life at the Training College.

Liverpool. Early in November Captain and Mrs. Mattinson arranged an evening for friends and supporters and local officers at Liverpool. A delightful buffet meal was served to the 50 or more people present. More people joined the gathering after tea and the remainder of the evening was spent in a presentation of Church Army activities by the use of an audio-visual and by officers who spoke about the specialised aspects of their work.

NEW

VICE-PRESIDENTS : During the year the Board appointed six new Vice-Presidents, all of whom have given most valuable service to the Society for many years. They are our Founder, the Rev. J. S. Cowland, the Rev. A. W. Batley (Federal Secretary from 1951 to 1968), the Ven. L. Bothamley, (Continued on page 14)

FIN VILLAGE

John is well received at every place. There is a genuine interest in the work centred at the Butter Factory. The girls promise to attend meetings, the former teachers have offered to build a kiln there and teach their skills. So the door begins to open.

Mullumbimby, like Nimbin, is one of the principal centres of the alternative culture. Not that you would notice it in the sleepy, two-pub town where any visitors arouse the interest of the few townspeople in sight. But take one of the roads leading up to the Nightcap Range and you soon come upon small groups of young people walking beside the road, the long hair of the boys and the long cheesecloth or patterned dresses of the girls identifying them as members of the communes in the hills.

We followed a road which in time became a rough by-way and then deteriorated into what was little better than a goat track. The car could not climb the steep grades with passengers on board. They had to alight and push the vehicle up hills that would daunt a pack horse. We seemed to be beyond the limits of settlement, moving into the folds of the high range of a national park. But, over yet another rise we came upon a clearing in which was set a village of old, unpainted timber houses, perhaps twelve to eighteen of them flanking a main "street." It is an ancient place, called Fin Village, named after a group of immigrant Finlanders who settled there long ago, built the houses, and, at a later time, abandoned the settlement. Now it is a thriving centre for members of the alternative culture. Little children play on the steps of the houses, the sound of guitars and singing comes from further up the street. The dark grey houses merge into the deep green forest.

We were welcomed into the home of an electrician who lives in a small, white, unpainted house. We were shown into a room where a group of young people were sitting on the floor, playing guitars and singing. The sound of the guitars and singing came from further up the street. The dark grey houses merge into the deep green forest.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL '73

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Please help forward The Church Army's work of Evangelism and Christian Service by a Donation to our general funds.

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Industrial Evangelism

Captain Doug Quayle

Captain Quayle has been an Industrial Evangelist since 1964, but it was only in April this year that he was freed from other tasks thus enabling him to give his full time to this vital ministry in industry.

Industrial evangelism involves the tremendous task of relating Faith and its practise to the life of people, many of whom profess no allegiance or need of Jesus Christ and His Church.

This is not an easy task but I believe that in being called for this work I am playing my part in serving the personal needs of employers, executives, employees and through them, their families. My work involves those nearing retirement, the new settlers trying to adjust as well as the youthful workers.

A COMPLEX SOCIETY

Industrial society is a complex and delicately adjusted machine. All of us have experienced inconveniences because of recent industrial troubles. The factories where I "do the rounds" have thanked fully been free of strike action. I am able to attend Industrial Relations meetings where I listen and learn and contribute when necessary. Praise God, the Industrial Chaplain does not interfere in industrial disputes, yet, outside of disputes I am able to minister to those involved in conflict and struggle.

THE CHANGING SCENE

The pace of change in industry is extraordinary. Management and unions each in their respective spheres are struggling to adapt to the demands of

technological change. Are we adapting to the changes within the Church? Questions and concern issue from men and women who feel lost and alone. Questions touching on Christian responsibility concerning exploitation, immorality, our economic structure, the 35 hour week. We may ask, "Is it true the Church has largely abdicated her position as moral authority?"

PERSONAL NEEDS

Much of the sadness and tragedy that takes place in our western world is experienced in a factory — death, suicide, accidents, ill health, marital problems. Sadness and sorrow seem to be part of the daily scene. People must go on earning and so they bring their sorrows and dissatisfaction to work. I endeavour to guide and advise and in most cases this involves visits to homes, hospitals, and prisons.

I have heard Christian people say of industry, "it is soul-less." This is not true. The management is very human and their interest in their employees is obvious to me. I am welcomed by all and treated as a friend.

I stated earlier that industrial chaplaincy is not easy. The very confidential nature of my work means that results are not known to many. My satisfaction in giving help to many is my reward.

Within the organisation of industry (and a factory is non-demonstrational) amidst the fairness or unfairness, mutual trust or distrust, happiness or unhappiness, I have my opportunities to work as I believe my Lord requires.

